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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Marc FLEURY et al  
Serial No.: 09/083,180  
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For: IMPROVED DEVICE FOR MEASURING  
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF  
A POROUS SAMPLE  
Art Unit: To Be Assigned  
Examiner: To Be Assigned

**STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully request the status and the approximate time period of when a first Office Action might be received. A Decision on Petition was granted on August 26, 2008 and was being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing. It is noted that the application has a filing date of May 22, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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